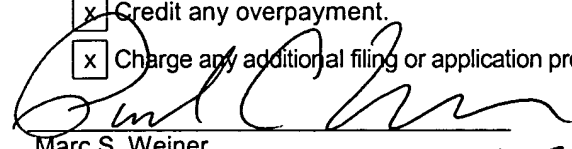


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action dated September 6, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**This reply includes:**

**Amendments to the Claims; and  
Remarks.**